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1) Applicant's amendment and response filed 9/15/06 are acknowledged and entered. Applicant elected Group I (Claims 1-24, 44 and 45) and withdrawn claims 25-43. As a result, the election is made without traverse.

2) The reply filed on 9/15/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant's elected the following species: monocrystalline silicon as the base element (see claim 3), Borofloat 33 as the lid element (see claim 4); siloxane as the intermediate element (see claim 6), protein as the library (see claim 18), and the holding element of claim 1. However, the species of siloxane is not claimed in claim 6 as indicated by applicant. The species of protein library is not a SINGLE species since claim 19 claimed that "the protein library is an antibody library, a receptor protein library or a membrane protein library". Accordingly, this species election is incomplete, and the response filed 9/15/06 is considered not fully responsive to the prior Office Action mailed 8/16/06. See 37 CFR 1.111.

3) Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Chau T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-0810. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday: 8:00-2:30; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30-5:00; Friday: 8:00-3:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras, Jr., can be reached on 571-272-4517. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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